



Parcham Classes

Temples in India

BASIC FORM OF HINDU TEMPLE

1. **Sanctum Sanctorum:** (Garbhagriha or 'womb-house')

small cubicle with a single entrance - grew into a larger chamber in time.

made to house the main icon.

2. **Mandapa:**

entrance to the temple - may be a portico (porch) or hall that incorporates space for a large number of worshippers.

3. **Shikhara:**

mountain-like spire, can be curvilinear (North India) or pyramidal (South India);

4. **Vahana:**

mount or vehicle of the temple's main deity

placed axially before the sanctum sanctorum

Styles of Temples

- Two broad orders : 1. Nagara in North. 2. Dravida in South

In the Nagara style, there are multiple Towers. In Dravida style, it is always a single Tower.

In Nagara style, the central tower is curvilinear in shape. In Dravida style, the central tower is shaped like a pyramid.

- At times, the **Vesara** - created through the selective mixing of Nagara and Dravida orders.



12 Maha Jyotirlingas

- Kedarnath Temple (Uttarakhand)
- Kashi Vishwanath Temple (Uttar Pradesh)
- Somnath Temple (Gujarat)
- Nageshwar Temple (Gujarat)
- Mahakaleshwar Temple (Madhya Pradesh)
- Omkareshwar Temple (Madhya Pradesh)
- Baidyanath Temple (Jharkhand)
- Bhimashankar Temple (Maharashtra)
- Trimbakeshwar Temple (Maharashtra)
- Grishneshwar Temple (Maharashtra)
- Mallikārjuna Temple (Andhra Pradesh)
- Ramanathaswamy Temple (Tamil Nadu)

Char Dham of India

**Badrinath, Dwarka, Puri, and
Rameswaram**

Char Dham of Uttarakhand

**Yamunotri, Gangotri,
Kedarnath, and Badrinath**

Panch Kedar (Lord Shiva)

**Kedarnath, Madhmaheshwar, Tungnath,
Rudranath, Kalpnath (all in Uttarakhand).**

<u>Temple</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dedicated to</u>
Vaishno Devi Temple	Katra, Trikuta Mountains, Jammu & Kashmir	Vaishno Devi
Amarnath Temple	Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir	Lord Shiva

<u>Temple</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dedicated to</u>
Jwalamukhi Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is believed that Sati Devi's tongue fell here. 	Kangra, Himachal Pradesh	Goddess Jwalamukhi Built by : Raja Bhumi Chand Katoch
Hidimba Devi Temple	Manali, Himachal Pradesh	Hidimbi Devi (wife of Bhima) Built by : Maharaja Bahadur Singh
Baba Balak Nath Temple	Hamirpur district, Himachal Pradesh	Incarnation of Lord Shiva in Kaliyuga
Manikaran Temple/Gurudwara	Kullu, Himachal Pradesh	On banks of Parvati river

- Manikaran is a pilgrimage centre for Hindus and Sikhs.
- It has many temples and a Gurudwara. There are temples of the Hindu deities Rama, Krishna, and Vishnu.
- The area is well known for its hot springs.

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Yamunotri Temple	Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand	Goddess Yamuna
Gangotri Temple	Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand	Goddess Ganga
Kedarnath Temple	Uttarakhand	Lord Shiva
Badrinath Temple	Chamoli, Uttarakhand	Lord Vishnu
Kashi Vishwanath Temple	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	Lord Shiva

In ancient times, Varanasi was known as Kashi.

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Swaminarayan Akshardham Temple	Delhi	Swaminarayan Built by : Pramukh Swami Maharaj
Golden Temple or Harmandir Sahib	Amritsar, Punjab	Gurudwara Guru Arjan Sahib, the Fifth Nanak, conceived the idea of creating a central place of worship for the Sikhs and he himself designed the architecture of the Golden Temple.
Markandeshwar Mahadev Temple	Kurukshetra district of Haryana	Lord Shiva

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Somnath Temple	Veraval, Gujarat	Lord Shiva
Nageshwar Temple	Dwarka, Gujarat	Lord Shiva
Dwarkadhish Temple	Dwarka, Gujarat	Lord Krishna
Bahuchara Mata	Bahucharaji town in Mehsana district, Gujarat	Goddess Bahuchara Mata
Modhera Sun Temple	Modhera, Gujarat	Sun God

<u>Temple</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dedicated to</u>
Birla Mandir	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Goddess Lakshmi and Lord (Narayan) Built by : Renowned Indian industrialists, the Birlas
Karni Mata Temple (Famous as Temple of Rats)	Deshnok, Bikaner, Rajasthan	Goddess Durga

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Baidyanath Temple	Deoghar, Jharkhand	Lord Shiva
Mahabodhi Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> named as World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2002. Gautam Buddha attained enlightenment or Nirvana in Bodh Gaya, in Magadha (now Bihar) , besides Niranjana river under a pipal tree, at the age of 35 years. 	Bodh Gaya, Bihar	Lord Gautam Buddha Built by : Emperor Ashoka
Mundeshwari Devi Temple	Kaimur, Bihar	Lord Shiva and Shakti

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Jagannath Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is called the White Pagoda of India. The temple is famous for its annual Ratha Yatra. 	Puri, Odisha	Lord Jagannath along with his brother Lord Balabhadra and sister Devi Subhadra
Konark Sun Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is called the Black Pagoda of India. It is named as World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1984. 	Konark, Odisha	Sun God Built by : Narasimha Deva I
Lingaraja Temple	Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Harihara, form of Shiva

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Dakshineswar Kali Temple	Kolkata, West Bengal	Bhavatarini Kali Built by : Rani Rashmoni
Belur Math • The headquarters of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission	Belur, Howrah, West Bengal	Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda Built by : Swami Vivekananda
Kalighat Temple	Kalighat, Kolkata, West Bengal	Goddess Kali

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Kamakhya Temple	Nilachal Hill in Guwahati, Assam	Goddess Kamakhya
Umananda Devaloi	Peacock Island on river Brahmaputra in Guwahati, Assam	Lord Shiva Built by : Ahom King Gadadhar Singha
Navagraha Temple	Chitrasal Hill in Guwahati, Assam	Navagraha Built by : Ahom King Rajeswar Singha
Negheriting Shiva Doui	Dergaon, Assam	Lord Shiva
Hayagriva Madhava Temple	Monikut Hill in Hajo, Assam	Narasimha

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Malinithan/Akashganga Temple • It is an archaeological site which consists of ruins of a Hindu temple.	Arunachal Pradesh (Northern bank of the Brahmaputra River)	Deity Durga in her Shakti form
Unakoti Cave Temple	Unakoti Caves, Tripura	Lord Shiva
Govindajee Temple	Imphal, Manipur	Lord Krishna-Radha
Nartiang Durga Temple	Jaintia Hills district, Meghalaya	Goddess Durga
Kirateshwar Mahadev Temple	Bank of Rangit River, Sikkim	Lord Shiva
Dimapur Kalibari Temple	Dimapur, Nagaland	Goddess Kali

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Bhoramdeo Temple	Chaura Village, Chattisgarh	Lord Shiva
Danteshwari Temple	Dantewada Bastar district, Chattisgarh	Goddess Danteshwari
Mahamaya Temple	Ratanpur, Chattisgarh	Goddess Lakshmi & Saraswati
Kandariya Mahadeva Temple	Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh	Lord Shiva
Khajuraho Temple • It is named as World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1986.	Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh	Hinduism and Jainism Built by : Chandela Dynasty

<u>Temple</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Dedicated to</u>
Sanchi Stupa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is named as World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1989. Motif of Sanchi Stupa is printed on the back side of the new Rs. 200 note issued by RBI. 	Raisen District, Madhya Pradesh	Buddhism Built by : Emperor Ashoka
Mahakaleshwar Temple	Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh	Lord Shiva
Omkareshwar Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The temple is located on the bank of Narmada River. 	Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh	Lord Shiva
Sas-Bahu Temple (also called Sahastrabahu temple)	Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh	Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva in two separate Temples

Images on back of Indian Currency Notes

Notes	Images
10 Rupees	Sun Temple, Konark
20 Rupees	Ellora Caves
50 Rupees	Hampi
100 Rupees	Rani ki Vaav
200 Rupees	Sanchi Stupa
500 rupees	Red Fort
2000 rupees	Mangalyaan

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Shirdi Sai Baba Temple	Ahmednagar, Maharashtra	The Indian saint Sai Baba of Shirdi
Siddhivinayak Temple	Prabhadevi, Mumbai	Lord Shri Ganesha
Vitthal Temple or Vithoba Temple (Shri Vitthal-Rukmini Mandir)	Pandharpur, Maharashtra	Lord Vitthal or Lord Vithoba
Bhimashankar Temple	Pune, Maharashtra	Lord Shiva
Trimbakeshwar Temple	Nashik, Maharashtra	Lord Shiva Built by : Third Peshwa Balaji Bajirao
Grishneshwar Temple	Aurangabad, Maharashtra	Lord Shiva
Shani Shingnapur Temple	Ahmednagar, Maharashtra	Lord Shani

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Tirupati Balaji Temple	Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh.	Lord Sri Venkateswara
Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Temple	Srisailem, Andhra Pradesh.	Lord Shiva & Parvati Built by : Inscriptional evidences from the Satvahana Dynasty. Modern additions were done during the time of king Harihara of Vijayanagar Empire.
Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Temple (also known as Simahachalam Temple)	Simahachalam Hill, Andhra Pradesh	Lord Varaha Narasimha (a lion man incarnation of Lord Vishnu)

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Suryanarayana Temple (also known as Arasavalli Sun Temple)	Arasavalli, Andhra Pradesh	Sun God Built by : Devendra Sarma (7 th century AD)
Sri Ranganthaswami Temple	Nellore, Andhra Pradesh	Lord Ranganatha (a resting form of Lord Vishnu)
Veerabhadra Temple	Lepakshi in the Anantapur district, Andhra Pradesh	Lord Shiva Built by : Virupanna Nayaka and Viranna (both brothers who were Governors under the Vijayanagar Empire) in 1530.

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Thousand Pillar Temple or Rudreshwara Swamy Temple	Hanamakonda, Telangana	Lord Vishnu, Lord Shiva and Lord Surya
Kakatiya Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple UNESCO World Heritage Site 2021	Telangana	Ramalingeswara Swamy By rulers Rudradeva and Recherla Rudra.

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Hoysaleswara Temple Nominated for UNESCO World Heritage Site	Halebidu, Karnataka	12th-century temple dedicated Lord Shiva by King Vishnuvardhana
Kesav Temple nominated for UNESCO World Heritage Site	Somanathpur, Karnataka	Lord Krishna in 3 forms
Chennakeshava temple nominated for UNESCO World Heritage Site	Belur, Karnataka	Lord Vishnu By Hoysala king Vishnuvardhana
Murudeshwar Temple	Uttara Kannada district, Karnataka	Lord Shiva

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Virupaksha Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This temple is located on the south bank of the river Tungabadra. 	Hampi, Karnataka	Lord Shiva Built by : Vijaynagar empire
Vittala Temple	Hampi, Karnataka	Lord Vitthala, an avatar of Lord Vishnu
Gomateshwara Temple	Shravanbelagola, Karnataka	The Jain figure Bahubali <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The statue is considered to be one of the world's tallest free-standing monolithic statues carved out of a single block of granite. Built by : Chamundaraya (The Ganga dynasty minister and commander)

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Sabrimala Temple	Inside the Periyar Tiger Reserve, Kerala	Lord Ayyappa (an incarnation of Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva)
Sree Padmanabha Swamy Temple <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Richest Temple in the World 	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala	Lord Vishnu

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Meenakshi Temple	Madurai, Tamil Nadu	Goddess Meenakshi, a form of Parvati, and her consort, Sundareshwar, a form of Shiva
Nataraja Temple	Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu	Lord Shiva
Ramnathaswamy Temple	Rameswaram island, Tamil Nadu	Lord Shiva
Ranganathaswamy Temple	Srirangam, Tamil Nadu	Lord Vishnu
Brihadeshwara Temple	Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu	Lord Shiva Built by : Raja Raja Chola-I
Murugan Temple	Palani, Tamil Nadu	Murugan (Lord Kartikeya)
Shore Temple	Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu	Lord Shiva
Thanumalayan Temple or Sthanumalayan Temple	Suchindram in the Kanyakumari district of Tamil Nadu	Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu and Lord Brahma

BUDDHIST PILGRIMAGE SITES IN INDIA

1. Mahabodhi temple, Bodh Gaya (Bihar)
2. The Mahaviharas of Nalanda, Vikramshila, Odantapuri, Pushpagiri
3. Sirpur in Chhattisgarh.
4. Lalitagiri, Vajragiri and Ratnagiri in Odisha
5. Rock-cut elephant and Ashokan edicts at Dhauli, Odisha
6. Sarnath, near Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh). [Site of first sermon of Buddha.](#)
7. Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh
8. Piprahwa, (UP) on the Nepal border.
9. Sanchi and Bharhut in Madhya Pradesh
10. Nagapattinam in Tamil Nadu
11. Namdroling Monastery, Bylakuppe, Karnataka.
12. Bhaja & Karla caves, Pune (Maharashtra)
13. Ajanta, Ellora and Pithalkora caves, Aurangabad (Maharashtra)
14. Kanheri caves (Mumbai); Pandavleni caves (Nashik) in Maharashtra.
15. Ghum monastery, West Bengal
16. Rumtek, Pemayangtse and Enchay Monastery, Sikkim
17. [Tawang Monastery \(largest monastery in India\)](#), Bomdila Monastery
Arunachal Pradesh
18. Alchi Monastery, Spituk Monastery, Shey Monastery etc. in Ladakh
19. Dhankar Monastery, Nako Monastery (Kinnaur), Kye Monastery, Tabo
Monastery (Spiti valley) etc. in Himachal Pradesh

JAIN PILGRIMAGE SITES IN INDIA

1. Palitana temples in Kathiawar, Gujarat
2. Girnar temples in Junagadh district, Gujarat
3. Hathee Singh Jain Temple, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
4. Shikarji, Parasnath in Jharkhand
5. Pawapuri in Nalanda district, Bihar
6. Dilwara temples in Mount Abu, Rajasthan
7. Ranakpur temples in Pali district, Rajasthan
8. Nasiyan Temple in Ajmer, Rajasthan
9. Bawangaja in Barwani district, Madhya Pradesh.
10. Various temples at Gwalior, Chanderi and Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh
11. Shantinath temple complex in Deogarh, Lalitpur district in Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh.
12. Kankali Tila near Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
13. Udayagiri and Khandagiri Caves in Odisha
14. Shravanabelagola in Karnataka
15. Sittanavasal Caves in Tamil Nadu.
16. Mangi-Tungi near Tahrabad in Maharashtra